THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in revenue collection

1108. SHRI N. THAIAVAI SUNDARAM:

SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revenue collection during the current financial year has gone down as compared to the corresponding period last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken to ensure increased revenue collection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Omkar Goswami Report on corporate governance

1109. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made in the Omkar Goswami Draft report on corporate governance; and

(b) the changes proposed in the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act (SICA) for the debt default?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Omkar Goswami Committee on Corporate Governance has been set up by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and not by the Government. Government has not received any report from CII.

Decline in Credit-Deposit Ratio

1110. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decline in the credit-deposit ratio in the Eastern Region in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the trend during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Credit-Deposit Ration (CDR) of all Scheduled Commercial Banks during the last three years in the Eastern Region comprising the States of Bihar, Orissa, Sikkim, West Bengal and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, as furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is given below:

As on the last Friday of	Credit Deposit Ratio (in percentage)
March 1994	44.7
March 1995	47.6
March 1996	47.7

RBI have reported that the low CDR in Eastern Region is mainly due to lack of adequate infrastructural facilities, low credit absorption capacity of the Region, absence of large industries, requisite climate for investment and low recovery position of loans.

(d) RBI have further reported that they had appointed a Task Force to suggest ways and means to improve the CDR in Bihar and West Bengal. The Task Force had made various recommendations. The recommendations are being implemented through the State Level Bontees' Committees

Meagre amount on Health Care in State and Union Territory

1111. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY